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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

By *James N. Hatten*, Clerk  
*Shawell* Deputy Clerk

CHARLES GADSON, JR. : PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS  
Plaintiff, : 42 U.S.C. § 1983

v. :

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF : CIVIL ACTION NO.  
DEPARTMENT, : 1:09-CV-0231-TWT  
Defendant. :

**ORDER and OPINION**

Plaintiff, Charles Gadson, currently confined in the Chatham County Jail in Savannah, Georgia, has submitted a civil rights complaint regarding his ongoing criminal proceedings in Chatham County. (Doc. No. 1.)

A federal-law action may be brought in a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants reside in the same State, or in the judicial district in which the claims arose. 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b); New Alliance Party of Ala. v. Hand, 933 F.2d 1568, 1570 (11th Cir. 1991) (applying § 1391(b)'s venue provisions to a § 1983 action). When venue is improper, the court may, in the interest of justice, transfer the case to a district court in which it could have been brought. 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

Chatham County is located within the Southern District of Georgia. Accordingly, venue is improper in this district, and this Court finds it to be in the

interest of justice to transfer this action to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

**IT IS ORDERED** that this action is hereby **TRANSFERRED** to the **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**, along with all orders, motions, affidavits, pleadings and exhibits (if any) filed herein for further proceedings.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this 11 day of February, 2009.

Thomas W. Thrash  
THOMAS W. THRASH, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE